indigenously produced systems to the total expenditure on acquisitions in a year from the present level of 0.3 to 0.7 by the year 2005. The thrust towards self reliance will be made along three lines (i) sustaining existing systems through indigenisation of spares, (ii) upgrading viable existing systems and stretching their life and capability and (iii) inducting indigenised systems progressively and minmising import of major systems. A Self-reliance Implementation Council (SRIC) has been formed with two sub-groups, namely Joint Planning Group and the Joint Action Group. The sub-groups have identified and prioritised the strategic systems.

2. The major systems like MBT Arjun, verious missiles under Integrated Guided Missiles Development Programme (IGMDP), Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) after extensive flight trial type certification (FOC) and Electronics warfare systems, etc. are planned to be inducted progressively from Ninth Plan onwards. In 1997-98, a budget of Rs. 1678 crores has been proposed against an allocation of Rs. 1458 crores in 1996-97.

Acquisition of Ships

5742. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Shipping Corporation of India Limited has formulated a massive expansion plan to acquire 44 ships in the next five years.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number and capacity addition-both by public and private sector proposed during 1997-98 and next five years and estimates of investment;

(d) the details of funding arrangement worked out/ tied up for addition of new ships to Indian flart; and

(e) the details of phasing out plan of old/Aged Ships for 1997-98 and next five years ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details of vessels proposed to be acquired by SCI during 1997-98 and during 9th Five Year Plan 1997-98 to 2001-2002 are given in statements I and II attached.

Such data, in respect of private sector is not maintanied by the Govt. However, the Working Group on Ninth Five Year Plan has projected an acquisition of 3.7 million Gross Registered Tonne (GRT) (2 Million GRT on additional account and 1.7 Million GRT on replacement account) at an indicative investment of Rs. 15,000 crores by both private and public sectors during the 9th Plan.

(d) These acquisition will be financed by SCI through its internal resources, external commercial borrowings and other methods like GDR issue, bonds, debentures, aquity capital, etc. as per requirement of each individual project.

(e) The working group on Ninth Plan (1997-1998 to 2001-2002) has assessed for replacement of 110 vessels aggregating to 1.70 million GRT during Ninth Plan period by both public and private sectors.

Statement-I

Vessele Proposed to be Acquired/Ordered by SCI during 1997-98

Sr. No.	Projects/ Proposals	No. of Units	Approx Cost (US$ million)
1.	Aframax Crude oil tanker (S/H)	1	37.50
2.	Project tanker of 30,000 DWT (S/H)	1	17.50
3.	Liner Combis (S/H)	1	15.00
4.	Feeder Ship (S/H)	1	7.00
5.	Bulk Carrier of about 45,000 DWT (S/H)	1	25.00
6.	Liner Combis (N/B)	2	35.00
7.	Cellular Container (N/B)	1	50.00
	Total	9	187.00

Note : N/B = New Building
S/H = Second-hand

Statement-II

Acquisition/Ordering by SCI during 9th Five Year Plan Period

Type	No. of Units	Total GRT Lakhs	Total DWT Lakhs	Total Invest USD MIL
A. Crude Oil Tankers				
Aframax/LR-II Tankers (N/B)	2	1.38	2.40	100.00
Aframax/LR-II Tankers (S/H)	2	1.38	2.40	60.00
LR-I/Medium Range (N/B)	2	0.81	1.40	80.00
B. Product Tankers				
Medium Range (S/H)	2	0.54	0.90	60.00
G.P. Range (N/B)	2	0.36	0.60	70.00
G.P. Range (S/H)	2	0.36	0.60	40.00
C.Bulk Carriers				
Panamax (N/B)	2	0.90	1.50	70.00
Panamax (S/H)	2	0.90	1.50	50.00
Handymax (N/B)	4	1.05	1.80	120.00
Handymax (S/H)	2	1.54	0.90	40.00
Handysize (N/B)	2	0.36	0.60	45.00
Handysize (S/H)	2	0.36	0.60	35.00
D. Liners				
Combis (N/B)	6	0.84	1.20	150.00
Combis (S/H)	6	0.84	1.20	60.00
Feeder (S/H)	1	0.08	0.12	7.00
Cellular (N/B)	3	0.90	1.20	150
E. Sfesial Vessels				
Chamical/Acid Tankers (N/B)	2	0.42	0.60	100.00
Total For 9th Plan	44	12.05	19.52	1237.00

Note : N/B = New Building
S/H = Second Hand

Drinking Water

5743. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh have given top priority to drinking water supply in the State;

(b) if so, whether any concrete programme of action has been undertaken by the Government during 1997-98;

(c) whether any water supply sheme was submitted to the Union Government with cost involvement of Rs. 1,200 crores; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned and provided by the centre so far ?